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We are the champions

By Sean Mitchell
Panther Staff

It was too much for the team to take. A season of hard work was what had put them in the position for it. Prairie View's women's volleyball team was ahead 14-8 in the fifth set of a match with the Mississippi Valley State Devilettes.

A win would clinch the tournament for the Lady Panthers and send them to the NCAA tournament. As the final ball played dropped into the Devilettes side of the net, pandemonium struck William "Billy" J. Nicks Field house, as the Lady Panthers had clinched the SWAC Championship and the team stormed the court. "It hasn't really sunk in," was how head coach Alicia Pete, Shannon Harrison and Sarah Meriwether all described how they felt shortly following the Lady Panthers' tough and emotional five set defeat of the Devilettes. The match was the fourth in the course of two days that the Lady Panthers won to clinch the tournament.

Friday, Prairie View started off the quest with tough three set victories over Jackson State and Alabama A&M. Though they won all three games in both matches, each came down to the very end and the Lady Panthers had to hold off valiant efforts from both teams. Having defeated Miss. Valley State in four games early Saturday, the Lady Panthers met the team again.

Prairie View won the first game 30-17, but Miss. Valley fought back, taking the next game rallying from a 29-25 deficit to win the next game 32-20 and then the Devilettes took the next game 30-21. The game losses had to be tough to take, as the Panthers put much effort into them, with Brandie Johnson even crashing into the scores table to try and save a ball.

The team was down, but not out. "My girls were not fazed because they knew there was more pressure on Miss. Valley State to win since they had to win another match even if they won the match we were playing," said Pete. The Panthers won a hotly contested fourth game 30-27, then never left the final game in doubt, starting it off 10-2 and winning 15-8 setting off the celebration and leaving Miss. Valley devastated by the defeat. "I'm really proud of this team's effort, it was great," said Harrison.

If the championship was not enough, Prairie View was honored when the SWAC named Ashley Campbell and TaCho Richard to the all-tournament team, Coach Alicia Pete; the SWAC Coach of the Year, and TaCho Richard, the tournament's most valuable player. "I feel like my girls worked hard all year and the work on the 7 seconds [a motivational run] really paid off," said Pete.

Fittingly, the Lady Panthers again performed this motivational task soon after they were presented with the SWAC trophy. The Lady Panthers now get ready for the NCAA tournament.

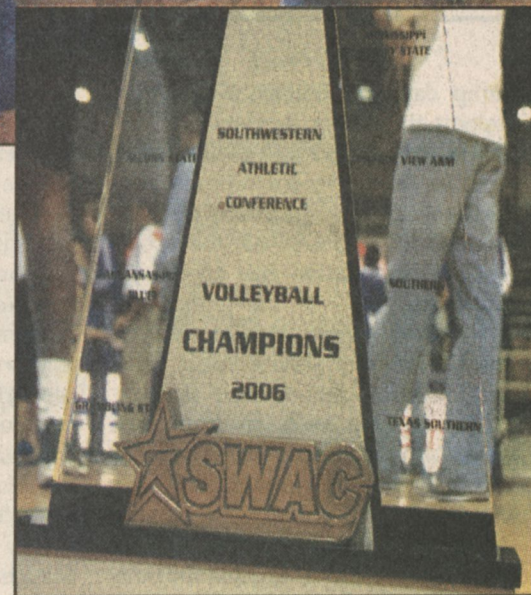


Blueprint to Success:

Top: The volleyball team members pose with their newly attained 2006 SWAC Champion trophy after a victory over Mississippi Valley State.

Middle: The Lady Panthers hold hands in anticipation as they trade wins with the Devilettes.

Right: After a long season of hard work, a well deserved SWAC trophy sits in the Babydome.



By Evan White, The Panther

Charles Gilpin Players win Critics' Choice Award

By Rattchel Lucas
Panther Staff

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, the brilliant actors of Prairie View A&M University's drama program, the Charles Gilpin Players, won the Critics' Choice Award for their rendition of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest" at the American College Theater Festival in Amarillo, Texas.

Not only were the Gilpins chosen for the Critics' Choice Award and advancement in the competition, but four individual members received recognition for their outstanding performances and costume design.

Actors Derrick Stokes, Asteko Factor, and actress Kiana Alford, were all acknowledged

for their extraordinary performances and each received an Irene Ryan Award. In addition, Lekethia Dalcoe, an actress, costume designer, and constructionist won the award for best costume design.

"We receive awards all the time," said Stokes. "But it has been four or five years since the Charles Gilpin Players have received a nomination to advance," he added.

This year, however, the Gilpins not only obtained a nomination for advancement, but also plan to dominate the next competition with the skill and dedication of the many talented members of the cast and production crew of "The Tempest."

Stokes said, "The other schools performed for themselves and forgot about the au-

dience." We walked onto the stage with the attitude that we wanted to perform, not because we had to, but because we wanted to blow everyone else out of the water."

"We went out there and did what we had to do and we were the only ones who received a standing ovation," said Dalcoe.

The festival also displayed a collage of talents from many different colleges and universities, including West Texas A&M, Amarillo Junior College, East New Mexico University, UTEP (El Paso), as well as Prairie View A&M University.

"I didn't feel like I was competing, I felt like I was proving that the Charles Gilpin Players still had that spirit and that we're not dead," said Stokes.

2006

Fall New Members Yard Show

Monday, November 20, 2006

6:30pm @ the Baby Dome

Honda Campus All-Star Challenge organizer denies cheating allegations

By Alanna Jones
Editor in Chief

Herbert Thomas, campus coordinator for the 2006 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge, has denied allegations of cheating in the Oct. 16-19 tournament held in the MSC ballroom.

Thomas was reacting to comments made by some of the competitors about the exceptional performance of Carlton Singleton, a participant in the competition. Some of Singleton's opponents wondered how he was able to answer more than half of the questions and lead his team to victory in the tournament.

Singleton's opponents and some onlookers of the tournament, argue that Singleton's team was able to win because Singleton was both a judge and a competitor

of the tournament.

Senior architecture major DeJuan Hall said that Singleton helped keep score of the tournament and that he answered all the questions this year just as he did in last year's tournament. "During the tournament he didn't answer any questions in the first match, but in the final match he was able to answer most of the questions." Hall admits that the tournament is based on common knowledge and there was not a study guide given to any competitors to study but "you have to be super smart to answer all the questions."

Thomas who is responsible for organizing this event said that Singleton was not the only student who judged and competed in the tournament, and that it was impossible for him to cheat. "When a student who assisted in judging went to play [in the tour-

nament] a fresh new pack of questions was opened and I was the person who broke the seal."

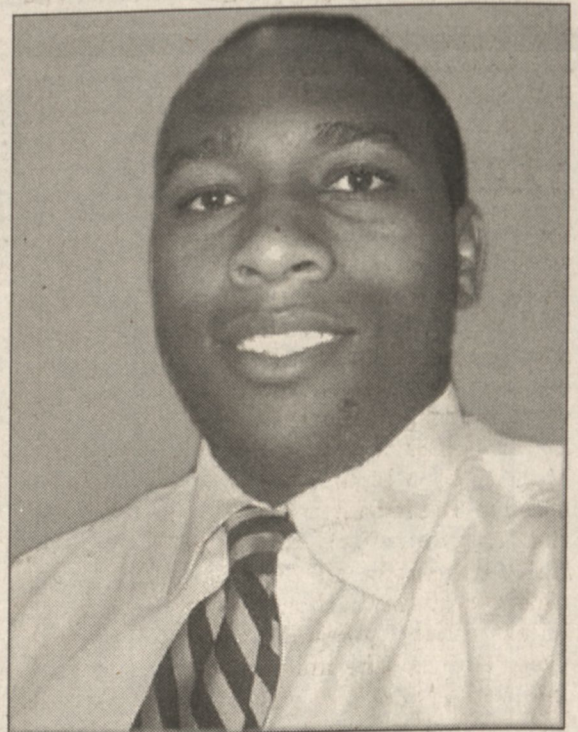
Singleton, 21, who is a double major in biology and political science with an overall grade point average of 3.85, competed in the 2004 and 2005 tournaments, winning a spot in the national competition both years. "He knows how to play the game and the depth of his knowledge is amazing," said Thomas. "The questions that are asked in the tournament are based on a high school curriculum."

Singleton attributed his success in the tournament to his thirst for knowledge in such areas as history, pop culture, mathematics and black culture. "It is the norm for me to wake up in the morning, read the newspaper, look at the history channel and watch CNN," said Singleton. "I also have

experience competing in competitions as this one in high school."

Singleton said that the key to the game is knowing how to play it. He added, "I make connections when the questions are asked. Sometimes I get the answers right and sometimes I get them wrong."

The prize for winning the campus tournament was a free trip to Orlando, Fla. for Singleton and all students who qualified for the varsity squad to participate in the April 12-17, 2007 competition, and possibly win \$50,000 for the university.



Carlton Singleton

Photo courtesy of facebook.com

Club Pees & Vees a hit among students

By Richard White
Panther Staff

Club Pees & Vees made its return to Prairie View Saturday, Nov. 11. The event offered students a night of true elegance and entertainment in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

The attire for the evening was after five attire, or "grown and sexy." The entertainment lined up for the night was Forte' and the Band, Lanya Prince, Jamie Jackson, OuSpokn, and DJ No Tables. With talent like this, SIFE made sure the audience left with a good feeling they would not soon forget. As students entered the ballroom, dim lights, a slide show, and a smooth atmosphere greeted them.

Throughout the evening, Forte' and DJ No Tables would play in 45 minute intervals. As DJ No Tables finished, Forte' did not waste a second getting their show underway. Forte' entertained the crowd through various popular R&B songs, and some original songs. All the while, the crowd was invited to slow dance, and enjoy the entertainment.

Next was Layna Prince, who sang "Because you Love me" by Celine Dion. Immediately following was Jamie Jackson who sang an original piece. Next was Forte' who jumped at the opportunity, and incorporated OuSpokn in their act. Forte' continued to sing and serenade onlookers. Later Layna Prince performed "The Wind Beneath My Wings," and Jamie Jackson per-

formed another original piece from her personal collection.

Sophomore Jamie Glenn commented on the event, saying, "It was really, really nice. It's good to have an event that shows how grown and sexy we really are."

While DJ No Tables' second set kicked off, he did not hesitate to take the show up a notch, and before you knew it, he had the entire floor doing the Harlem Shuffle. During his show, he managed to keep the crowd entertained.

Frederick V. Roberts, Sam Walton Fellow, commented by saying, "I am pleased the SIFE students accepted the challenge to change the entertainment life on campus, hoping it would inspire other students to engage in more meaningful forms of entertainment."

SAC addresses pet population

By Jameka Merriweather
Managing Editor

The recent increase of stray cats and dogs on campus has caught the attention of the university community and steps are being taken to address the problem.

At the Staff Advisory Council meeting Thursday, Nov. 9, Lloyd Iglehart, director of environmental health and safety, spoke about the issue and informed council members of the university's plan of action.

"We are in the process of developing a comprehensive animal control plan. We don't have a written plan but general practice has been to capture the animal and take it to the Brazos County Animal Shelter in College Station," he said.

Responding to speculations concerning the capture of different animals and how they have been handled afterward, Iglehart said, "We have purchased cages to trap the cats. One Sunday afternoon, we caught a black cat and by Monday the cat had been released. We are not harming the cats in any way. We are trying to mitigate the situation."

A trio of staff from the College of Business in Hobart Taylor said they are willing to assist administration to come to a solution that works for everyone, as well as the animals. Cathy Preston, a member of the trio, said, "I think it's important to stop the problem before it gets started. The beginning of the problem is with the students bringing the animals on campus."

The trio comprises Preston, Carol Herrington and April Irvin. Herrington unexpectedly left last Thursday's meeting, after she brought a living example of what happens to animals when they are uncared for and was asked to leave the cat in the hallway until the issue was addressed according to the agenda. Herrington felt the re-

quest was unfair and opted to leave the meeting. She has adopted the cat, which she named B.J. The cat had to have a leg amputated due to lack of care and an incident where a car ran over its foot.

In an interview with The Panther, Herrington said, "I think there needs to be a sub-committee established to address the issue. I have a couple of ideas of ways to address the issue. Maybe there could be spot inspections [in university housing] to check for animals. Or maybe students who want to have pets should have to pay 'pet deposits' which would go toward having animals without a home caught humanely and if necessary, euthanized."

The main concern is safety and to "protect faculty, staff, and students," Iglehart said.

"Wild animals carry diseases, such as AIDS and leukemia, which can be transmitted through the soil to other animals and people; then it becomes a problem for everyone. The sub-committee needs to have student representation as well, and a plan to solve this issue," Herrington said.

Students are also concerned about the situation.

"The stray animals bother me because you never know what kind of diseases they carry. They need to be removed from the campus and students need to stop feeding them," said junior communications major Whitney Nolan.

"I think they really need to do something about the dogs on campus, especially the really big ones and the cats too. Late at night the cats jump on people's cars and their claws scratch the hoods. I don't know what can be done, but something needs to be done," said junior Dedric Ray.

Prairie View is not the only university with a pet population. "There has to be a way to arrest the pet population and a good way everyone can work together," said Herrington.

Community groups sponsor literature and clothing drive for abuse survivors

By Ayana Young
Panther Staff

Students were asked on hump day, Wednesday, Nov. 8, to support the Urban Readers Association in conjunction with the Focusing Families Shelter by donating clothing and books for a literature and clothing drive. This is the first year the Urban Readers Association has sponsored this drive.

President Jamaur Barnes and Community Service Chair Latasha Woodson shared their purpose for sponsoring such an important drive. "A new shelter is being built for battered men and women in Waller County at the beginning of next year and the goal of the Urban Readers Association is to make sure that the fam-

ilies have clothing and books," Barnes said. "Since Monday, we've contacted offices on campus, other organizations as well as students to help with donations."

Barnes is also using the popularity of hump day to reach a greater number of students. He said, "We'll be here every Wednesday until Dec. 6. We'll also have boxes set up in every building in the UC so that students can donate their items." Heather Stoutmeister, executive director of Focusing Families, said in a phone interview that the "donations will go to support the women's center and non-resident clients who will have the opportunity to pick what they need and the surplus of donations will be sent to thrift shops."

Stoutmeister said that although this is the first year Focusing

Families has collaborated with the Urban Readers Association, the shelter has had a history of partnering with several fraternities, sororities and departments and organizations at Prairie View, most notably the P.E.A.C.E. Project, which Stoutmeister said, is "an exciting new venture for us and we were excited when we were invited to participate in an effort to help get the word out to stop violence."

Stoutmeister said those who are unable to donate on campus may drop off their items with Maria Cruz at the Crisis Center located across the street from the County Courthouse in Hempstead.

Barnes invites students to come to the Urban Readers Association's meetings held every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the student lounge of the MSC.

Jackson stresses importance of proper voting procedures

By Jameka Merriweather
Managing Editor

On the heels of the recent Waller County elections, questions and concerns about proper voting techniques still remain and efforts are under way to educate students on correct voting procedures.

Frank Jackson, the university's government relations officer and mayor of Prairie View, said, "Prairie View is tasked to show students how to participate in this democracy. As leaders, parents, and students we have to participate, we cannot sit on the sideline. We just have to show students how to do it right."

Jackson said, "For a lot of students, this is their first time participating in the political process. This is where students learn how to play the game. It's a part of your education."

During the rush of the elections, some students may have been misinformed and ignorant of the correct way to fill out a voter registration card to be considered official residents of Waller County

and in turn, have their vote counted in Waller County.

Jackson said that administration and Dr. Wright are committed to making sure students know how to vote properly. "Dr. Wright wants students to be more involved in the entire process: how to vote, register people, poll watchers, campaigning."

According to Jackson, proper voter registration can be relatively simple once a person is taught the proper procedure. "First, a student must decide where they want to vote and call their residency. No one can make you choose, if you want to vote at home then vote there but you cannot vote in two places in one election. Everyone needs to vote, whether you vote here or at home. If you are registered in one county, you cannot vote in another. You can't do that, it's illegal and you can get up to 10 years in prison for it."

The second step is to "register in that particular city, county, or state." The key to declaring residency and where a person wants their vote counted is the

address that is placed in the "permanent address" box on the voter's registration card. "Students must put for example Phase I and the room number for a permanent address. Post office boxes cannot be used as a permanent address, but can be used as the mailing address. The county registrar's office uses the 'permanent address' to determine what county you're in, what precinct you vote in, who you can vote for, and what issues you vote on," Jackson said.

From year to year, as students move into different university housing, they should alert the county registrar's office of their change of address. Students can change their registration but it must be complete well before the election day.

Jackson said, "The organizations, whether it be fraternities, sororities, or whatever must teach students how to properly fill out the card and what it means when you fill out the card to vote. They go through training and should know how to do it. It's a lot of responsibility. This is what America is about."

Debate team wins quarterfinal trophy

Panther News Service

The Prairie View debate team showcased its skills last week in the Red River Classic held at Louisiana State University, Shreveport. The parliamentary debate team consisted of Taneeka Barnes and Jemma Hepburn. The duo won a quarterfinal trophy in novice debate.

The team went into the playoff rounds as 5th seed and faced 4th seed Northwestern Louisiana State, losing on a 2-1 decision. The overall champion in the tournament was Boise State University of Idaho.

From PVAMU, first year debaters Leah Mitchell and Janet Gamble-Webster won two of six rounds. Gabriella Murray was a brand new extemporaneous speaker on current events. Alberto Bellina debated in an open division public debate and progressed to beat the tournament champion in his last round, but needed early wins to advance.

Jemma Hepburn, president of the debate team, commenting on the team's success, said, "Every team member showed dedication and passion for every single round. It was an incredible learning experience for the entire team."

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Bush trades ideas with Iraq panel, still says withdrawal depends on military conditions

By Tom Raum and Anne Plummer Flaherty
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Six days after voters handed Congress to Democrats, President George W. Bush and Democratic leaders both spoke of the importance of seeking common ground on Iraq; then they went their separate ways.

After being interviewed Monday by a bipartisan commission looking for a new strategy for the Iraq war effort, Bush voiced fresh opposition to the kind of phased withdrawal that Democratic leaders were promoting in Congress and may be among options before the panel.

"I believe it is very important ... for people making suggestions to recognize that the best military options depend upon the conditions on the ground," Bush told reporters.

At the same time, soon-to-be-sworn-in Democratic leaders clashed with outgoing Republican ones in recommending that some troops be brought home right away.

It all makes for "an interesting period here in Washington," Bush told visiting Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert during an Oval Office picture-taking session after Bush's meeting with the Iraq Study Group.

"You might realize the opposition party won, won the Senate and the House," Bush continued. "And, what's interesting, is that they're beginning to understand that with victory comes responsibilities. And I'm looking forward to working with the Democrats to achieve common objectives."

As lawmakers returned for a postelection session, the Democrat in line to lead the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. Carl Levin, said the administration did not understand that "we're getting deeper and deeper into a hole."

Levin and other Democrats called for some troops to come home right away, suggesting that would pressure the Iraqi government to assume more responsibility.

While Democrats agree that troops should leave Iraq sooner rather than later, they remain divided on specifics. Rep. John Murtha, a contender to become the next majority leader in the House of Representatives, supports an immediate withdrawal of all troops. Levin and others favor a slower, phased withdrawal and have been reluctant to suggest a firm timetable.

Whereas Murtha and some others contend violence in Iraq will continue so long as U.S. troops are there, Levin and others warn that any withdrawal of troops must be done slowly to avoid a collapse in security.

The president met for more than an hour with a 10-member panel headed by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III and former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton. He was joined by Vice President Dick Cheney, Chief of Staff Josh Bolten and National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley.

The panel then stayed around for a longer session that included other members of the president's national security team,

including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and outgoing Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

Baker and Hamilton later put out a joint statement. "We were pleased to meet with senior administration officials today and look forward to our consultations with some top Democrats tomorrow. We are working expeditiously to complete our report and recommendations," the statement said.

Baker's panel has been briefed on the Democrats' proposals and is considering a range of options. Besides considering whether there should be any timetable to pull out troops, the panel is studying many other options, including whether to solicit the help of Iran and Syria to help stop the fighting.

"I was impressed by the questions they asked. They want us to succeed in Iraq, just like I want us to succeed. So we had a really good discussion," Bush said.

White House spokesman Tony Snow described the meeting with the Iraq panel as a "general conversation about the situation there," rather than a preview of what the group will recommend. "This was not proposal-shopping by the Iraq Study Group," Snow said.

The members asked questions of Bush, and he of them, Snow said, "but there was care taken not to sort of try to prejudge, or also to get a jump on what they are going to do."

Lawmakers barely had begun their postelection session Monday when debate broke out over the war in Iraq and over Democratic proposals to start bringing home U.S. troops.

Levin said in a news conference that the military had done what it could, and it was up to Iraq's politicians to find consensus. "We cannot save the Iraqis from themselves," he said.

In addition, Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada went to the Senate floor to lend support for a change in Iraq policy.

Republicans shot back, saying they would oppose any timetable because it could cause Iraq to collapse into chaos.

Opponents of Levin's proposal, at least for now, include Sen. John Warner, outgoing chairman of the Armed Services Committee. He says Congress must wait until the Baker-Hamilton panel's recommendations.

Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Republican members of the Armed Services Committee, said they would oppose an arbitrary withdrawal. Collins and Graham are moderates who have criticized the Bush administration for its handling of the war.

Graham recently said Iraq was on the verge of chaos and demanded accountability, but on Monday he stood firm on his position that more troops, not fewer troops, are needed to settle the violence there.

Opposing views could deadlock Congress on the matter. While Republicans have the majority until the new session begins in January, they do so by a slim margin. And when Democrats take over, they too will have a razor-thin majority — far short of the 60 votes needed to stop delaying tactics.

Katrina-hit Dillard University, gets \$2 million for student housing

By Becky Bohrer
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - Dillard University is receiving \$2 million from the federal government to rebuild off-campus housing damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

The grant announced Monday by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development comes under a program meant to help historically black colleges and universities, such as Dillard, further address the needs of their communities.

HUD Deputy Secretary Roy Bernardi, who visited the city Monday, called the money important and "a source of hope for the community, if you will."

Katrina, which hit in August 2005, left the private school's campus under up to 8 feet of water, some of which stayed in buildings

for several weeks, said Karen Celestan, Dillard's senior director for university communications. Since the storm, just one of Dillard's dorms has re-opened, and it has limited space for co-eds, she said.

Before the storm, Dillard had several dorms, plus co-ed housing and apartments for upper-level students, according to the school's Web site.

Bernardi said the \$2 million will go toward renovating and bringing on line 42 apartments. He said the project could help provide space for up to 150 students.

This year, HUD has awarded \$10.4 million in grants under the program to 13 historically black schools nationwide, including Dillard and Xavier in New Orleans and Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, a HUD spokesman, Steve O'Halloran said.

Xavier also was awarded

\$2 million, which it plans to put toward rebuilding or demolishing about nine buildings damaged by Katrina, said Kyshun Webster, special assistant to Xavier's president, working in the office of community affairs. For example, the building that housed the school's art department will be renovated, he said. Xavier does not yet have the HUD money, but hopes to have it and to be able to start work before year's end, he said.

Southern got \$600,000 for work such as the renovation of low- to moderate-income housing and plans to clean up and maintain neighborhoods, according to HUD.

At Dillard, which held its first post-Katrina graduation in May, classrooms are open, but the library isn't and neither is the administration building, Celestan said. The school plans to have its first, campus-wide homecoming since the storm this week.



The Answers

Weekly Update for Freshmen

Congrats volleyball team!!!

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- BLDG #39 hosted an interactive workshop, "I've Got a Problem, and you're it!" facilitated by their faculty Fellow, MS B. L. McGowen-Hawkins
- Bldg # 36 held an "honors shout out!" Bldgs #35, #40 and #45 held comparable activities with dr. s. Anderson serving as guest speaker
- Bldg #40 congratulates: Jessica Garcia, a member of the Pv soccer team, for her recognition by the swac; Rachel biggers for her successful performance in the cross country meet in Mississippi and summer perry for being awarded a usda scholarship and internship

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Exposing my oreo soul

Do you hate me? Do you keep it real? Sometimes we hate ourselves more than anyone else. More often than not, however, we don't really hate everything about ourselves—just certain traits we can't seem to get rid of. I'll take this opportunity to confess that one of mine is my adoration and acceptance of many aspects of mainstream white American culture.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy a little blackness now and then, but lately I seem to be losing my affinity for it. Perhaps this trait is a direct result of spending many of my younger years in the mostly lily-white cities of Pueblo, Colo., and Seattle, hardly the places to be if you feel the need to be totally thugged out.

I have occasionally been accused of being a white boy masquerading as a black man because of my love for things that don't quite fit into the stereotypical negro niche. This includes my love of rock music and distaste for sports and bling-bling of any type, especially small, often dilapidated cars with too many gaudy ground effects such as oversized rear spoilers and loud colors.

I take no offense at those remarks. I have no reason to dispute their claims, for they are all true. More important to me is that I enjoy my friends, my music and myself. Because my skin is dark and my hair is nappy does not mean I will acquiesce to the trends of pop culture that lead many people—black, white

and every other ethnicity under the sun to believe they must strive to be something they really aren't.

Several years ago, while working at one of the McDonald's restaurants in Dover, Del., I found I was an anomaly among my colored co-workers. I was truly at a loss for how to interact with my brothers. I just could not seem to enjoy the 50 Cent remix CDs they played in the kitchen, and I still don't know why the Cowboys are to be avoided and the Eagles embraced, or why football was worth arguing about at all. I knew only one "thug-like" phrase to initiate a conversation: "Are you keeping it real?" Their responses were often colorful and varied—and keep it real I did.

I'll admit that initially I was terrified of these thug types—most of them towered over my 5'10" frame—but they eventually grew to enjoy my company as we slaved over the hot grills and fryers and splattered special sauce on the floor. I even had the pleasure of introducing some of the young bucks to the musical mastery of Marvin Gaye, and we spent many nights scrubbing the floor to his passionate pleadings for love and understanding.

I have no problems with hip-hop culture. I recognize the profound impact it continues to have on the United States and the world. But the bling-bling, commercial lifestyle is not for me. You may leave your Timberlands and oversized white T-shirts on. I respect the achieve-

ments of those black entertainers and athletes who work hard, perfect their art and stay on the straight and narrow. At the same time, I hope you can respect my desire to leave my vehicle looking as plain as possible. And I'm enjoying my Dockers and Levis, thank you very much.

I hope you don't hate me now that I've told you how I feel. Perhaps I'm out of touch—or even a little out of line—but on the rare occasions I visit the Dover Mall, no one really seems genuine.

I can see it right now—the extra thick girls squeezed into tight clothes trying to be cute, the 14-year-old wigger kids with their fake gold medallions and imitation thug wear; the 40-something Sears associate with the comb-over. Everyone always wants to be something he or she is not; I know I'm guilty as well. Maybe I've just spent too much time with all of my Caucasian cohorts, but I doubt a healthy dose of blackness will remedy the problem. I hardly consider myself a rebel, nor do I attempt to make a statement through my actions.

But if you've taken the opportunity to mull over my musings on life, I hope you've found yourself happy with you—how you spend your time, entertain yourself, who you hang with and whatever else you do. I don't know if you hate me or not, but I hope you take the opportunity to search your soul and figure out what you need to do to keep it real.

- Nate Delesline II, a student at Delaware State University, originally wrote this for the Hornet

"Get rich or die tryin"

No, we aren't talking about the rapper who considers himself the George Bush of hip-hop. But the title of 50 Cent's first album rings true in the experience of many in the middle class, and for students looking to enter the workforce as the middle class shrinks and the gap between the haves and have-nots widens.

CNN's recent report by Lou Dobbs, "War on the Middle Class," might be something we all should be looking into more deeply.

Dobbs pointed out that the middle class in America must pay growing tuition, health care, energy and other costs while fighting a Capitol Hill run by special interests and big businesses.

Many of our friends at other colleges have already felt the tightening of funds. The New York Times reported last year that taxpayer support of public colleges was lower than it had been in the last 20 years—schools the paper points out "played a crucial role in the

creation of the American middle class."

With people getting less time to pay off loans and students graduating with student loans that are at an all-time high, more citizens are going into debt.

Now is the time for us as students to decide where we want to land on the economic ladder, one that is becoming steeper. We must make plans to do what we have to do to make sure that happens.

The fact that America's middle class is shrinking means you can move only further up or further down. For too long, the squeaky wheel has gotten the oil, so that large corporations and causes with big money get the ear of Congress members while citizens who elected them work overtime trying to send children like us to college.

Bishop T.D. Jakes said in a televised sermon that in past years, Americans "could make Ph.D. money on a G.E.D." Those industrial jobs in factories and mines, on which many

black families lived comfortably, are now obsolete.

Even more damaging to the working class is that those jobs not taken by machines are moved halfway across the world. Not only is there less work for the skilled worker, now you are competing on a global scale.

Jobs that used to keep the middle class afloat are now going offshore as companies capitalize on cheaper labor in other countries. This just stretches the wealth gap in America, already affected by higher living costs.

We must plan now for our future, recognize the great investment it takes to earn a degree—even with the attack on students that makes paying for that education harder—and realize our community needs us.

We know that "when America catches a cold, black people catch pneumonia," so we have to do the work to support and elevate our middle class.

- This editorial was written by the editorial board of the Hilltop at Howard University

A class that should have never gotten out of hand

This particular Monday started like any other school day. It was the Monday after homecoming, and I assumed it would be very average, considering that all of the excitement and action on campus took place the previous week.

Boy, was I wrong. That day, I got all the action I needed to last the rest of this semester and then some.

The action occurred in the place I felt it would be the least likely—the classroom.

The problem started a couple of weeks ago, when our teacher gave us a group assignment that the class had about a week and a half to complete. On the day it was due, many of the students did not show up on time because they were finishing their assignments at the last minute. When the professor arrived and found only a handful of students, he promptly canceled class and left.

On the next class day, many students noticed a change in the professor's attitude. For one thing, he started giving daily quizzes, something he did not inform students he would do. That made the already-upset class angrier.

But the breaking point occurred that Monday, when the class just about went to hell and back.

We started with a quiz, as usual, but something caught me by surprise as class proceeded. I noticed that a lot of students were going up to the professor to talk about grades.

At that exact moment, a friend in the class sent me a text message asking what my grade was. Last I knew, I had an A average. To my sur-

prise, it had dropped three letters.

I came to find out that the majority of the students in our class had received less than impressive mid-term grades.

After we turned in our quiz, the free-for-all began.

The professor complained that he had to start giving us daily quizzes because he felt the students had become too lazy, and treated the class only as an easy elective.

Of course, that statement angered many of the students, and only added more fuel to the fire.

he professor then accused the majority of the class of acting like high school students, and admitted that it had become a job for him to come to the class.

By this point, students were making any and all excuses to justify their behavior and performance. The next few minutes were one big blur. To be blunt, there was a lot of cursing, a lot of yelling and a lot of things spoken that should never be said in a classroom setting.

The professor started telling the class that we needed to get on our stuff, and before anyone knew it, two females started to argue over the points the teacher was making. It got so bad that the teacher and other students had to verbally calm the two down before any real violence ensued. Our teacher finally dismissed the class, but not before making a few more controversial statements.

You might be asking, what is the point of this story? Is it to make the

professor look bad?

No. If I wanted him to look bad, I could easily have mentioned his name, but I have way too much respect for him to do that. This is not being written to vent any frustrations. I am not one of the students he was addressing.

I come to class every day and do my work and am always attentive, and I am not the only one. For every student who misbehaves and acts like a disrespectful jerk, just as many show up and do what they are supposed to do.

This is to remind the professor that even though what he did might have seemed a bit (OK, a lot) unprofessional, he had every right to say how he felt. If he wants to give us a quiz every day for the rest of the semester, then so be it.

At the end of the day, it is his class and he has the right to do what he wants.

Students need to remember that even though we are in college, there are still basic rules we must abide by. If a teacher is giving a lecture or addressing the class in general, then students should not be talking, period. If you have a question, then raise your hand. If there is something you do not agree with, take it up with the teacher after class, in a civilized manner.

I regret that any of the events ever transpired.

Things should never have gotten to the point where a respected professor, especially one who holds a Ph.D., had to react in that manner.

- Jeuron Dove, a student at North Carolina A&T State University, writes for the A&T Register

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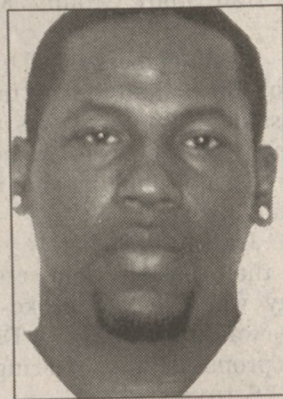
By Richard White
Panther Staff

How do you believe your vote on Nov. 7 will promote change in Waller County?



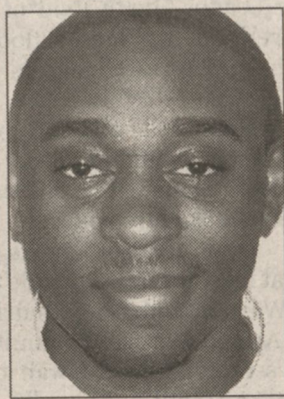
"I believe my vote will promote productivity and the improvement in the Prairie View community."

Krystal Taylor
Sophomore
Nursing Major



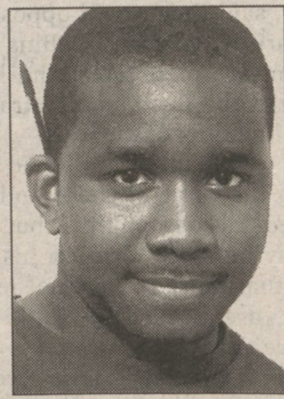
"I strongly believe my vote will promote positive change in Waller County, all because I know the struggle my people had to go through just so we can earn the right to vote. So just by me voting promotes change not only in Waller County, but change in the world."

Marquess Smith
Sophomore
Psychology



"By me being a black individual, voting has already stimulated change."

Lajerlad Augustine
Sophomore
Biology



"With Judge Charleston being re-elected I don't think there will be too many changes. If he wasn't re-elected I would feel sorry for the students here at PV because of Waller County being one of the top racist counties in America."

Arron Hughes
Sophomore
Construction Science

SGA Speaksout



By LaQuincy R. Arnold
SGA President

The Student Government Association would like to extend this opportunity to wish all students the best as we embark upon final examinations. It is our hope that the semester proved to be successful and victorious for all.

I am sure that you will share my enthusiasm as we prepare to leave for the holidays. We always find this time of year to be a time of reflection and celebration.

We seek your safe return for the spring semester.

I want to personally thank the SGA members for their hard work and dedication to the SGA and more importantly to Prairie View this semester. The extraordinary requirements of excellence demanded by the university relative to the students is a key motivating factor in sustaining our commitment to improving and enhancing services.

It is no accident, yet remains consistent with our mission that the administrators, faculty and staff constantly give an abundance of support to our organization. Through their time, understanding, patience and willingness to listen our daily agendas are made much easier. Thank you.

The SGA will continue to build upon these achievements and remain committed to our promise to be a greater resource for the students.

Colts! Colts! Colts!

The only undefeated team at the midpoint

By Michael Smith
Associated Press

It's the teams that claim the Vince Lombardi Trophy at the end of the season that get the glory, but let's not overlook the history the Colts have made. Not since Curly Lambeau's Green Bay Packers did it three straight times (1929-31) has a team started back-to-back seasons 8-0.

The Colts must fight and claw for wins this season. That kind of toughness tells us the Colts have what it takes to survive and not shrink in tough playoff contests.

Just look at the guys they have, or rather, the guys they don't have: In the offseason, the Colts lost linebacker David Thornton and defensive tackle Larry Tripplett to free agency. Defensive tackle Corey Simon is out for the season with a mysterious arthritic condition in his knee. Safety Mike Doss also is done for the season. Safety Bob Sanders, around whom the Colts' defense is built, played in just his second game Sunday night against New England.

On offense, the team's all-time leading rusher, Edgerrin James, went to Arizona via free agency. How the Colts would replace Edge was one of the league's bigger preseason questions. Indianapolis' offense likes to employ three wide receivers, but the third guy, Brandon Stokley, had played only 15 plays this season. So the Colts have had to evolve into more of a two-tight end offense.

Defensive tackle Montae Reagar was injured in a car accident en route to the Redskins game two weeks ago. Wide receiver Reggie Wayne's brother, Rashad, died in an automobile accident Sept. 24, the morning of the Colts' win over the Jaguars.

Indianapolis' status as the team to beat was cemented by consecutive wins at Denver and at New England, a feat that earned the Colts the distinction of being the only team in NFL history to win back-to-back games on the road against teams 5-1 or better.

The Colts, not coincidentally, have found ways to win a la the Patriots circa 2001-04. The Colts used to have

a reputation for being soft, for caving to pressure. Indianapolis didn't really have to dig all that deep last year during the regular season because the Colts were able to make it look so easy. Teams didn't make them play 60 minutes.

This edition of the team clearly can handle adversity. The Colts win ugly and rise to the occasion. They've gone from winning to *just knowing how to win*, and yes, there is a difference. Because his backup, Rob Morris, was inactive with an injury, the Colts had to go with rookie outside linebacker Freddy Keiaho in the middle.

It definitely starts with Manning, who somehow has managed to elevate his already-tight game further. Teams have tested him and not let him make as many big plays, but he has remained patient, made adjustments and done whatever is necessary to win. Coach Tony Dungy says that when teams play the pass, Manning is more comfortable relying on his running game than he was three or four years ago because he has developed confidence in his teammates. The Colts don't defend the run well (opponents average 5.3 yards per carry, worst in the league) but nonetheless have shown they have the heart as well as the look of a champion.

"This is a different team," Dungy said Sunday night. Despite all their personnel losses, they've remained the Colts, which is to say they've remained consistent. They've lost two regular-season games in their past 33 that they actually set out to win.

It has been speculated that the Colts, because they weren't winning as impressively this season, were bored and just waiting for the playoffs. Preposterous. The Colts aren't stuck in the Pittsburgh loss at home in the playoffs last season, when it looked as if Indy had set itself up perfectly to get to the Super Bowl. Nor are the Colts looking beyond Sunday's game against Buffalo.

No question, guys go in the tank. If nothing else, come playoff time, the Colts certainly will be adept at dealing with adversity.

We've had some players banged up, but guys are stepping up.

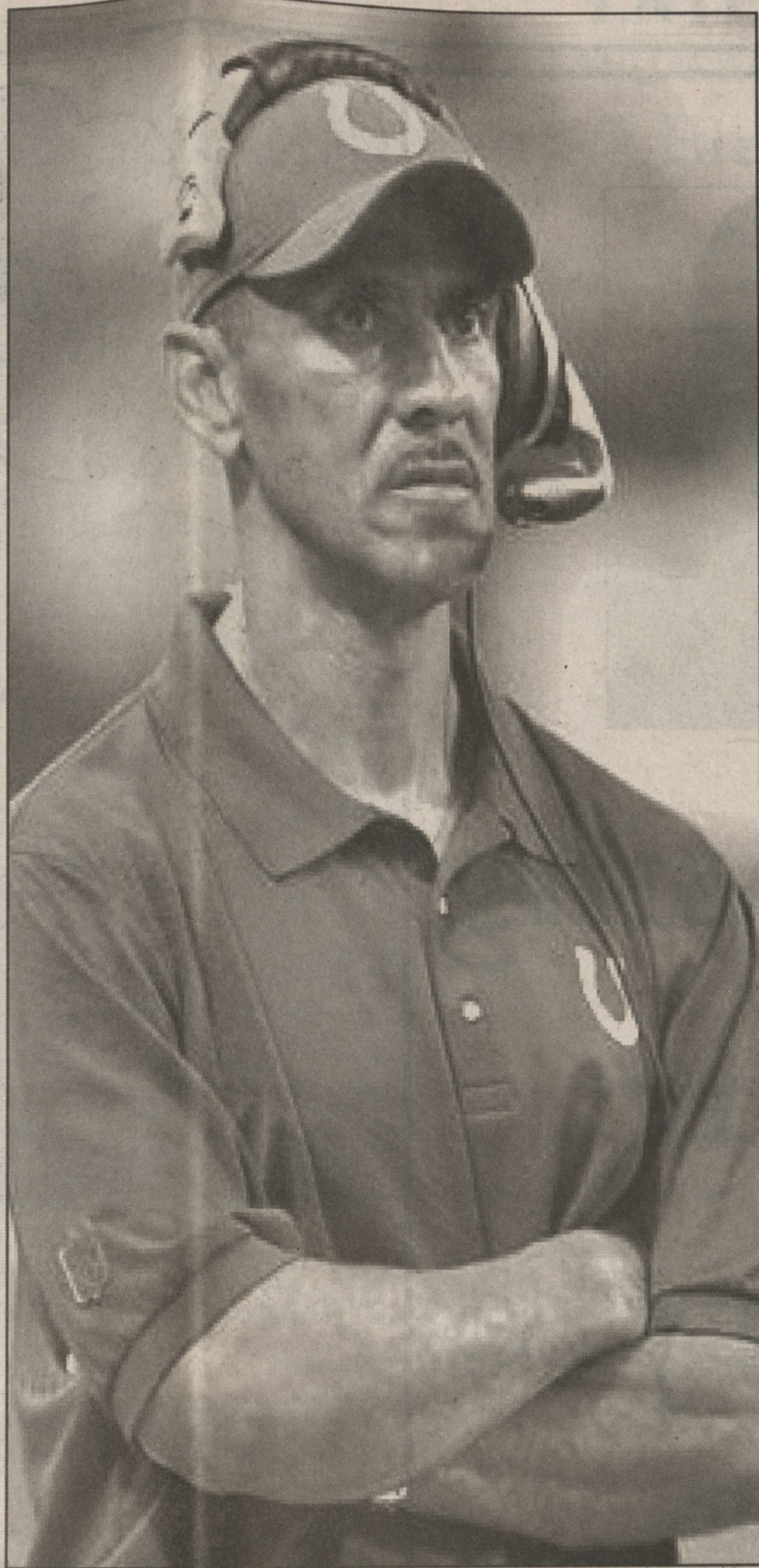


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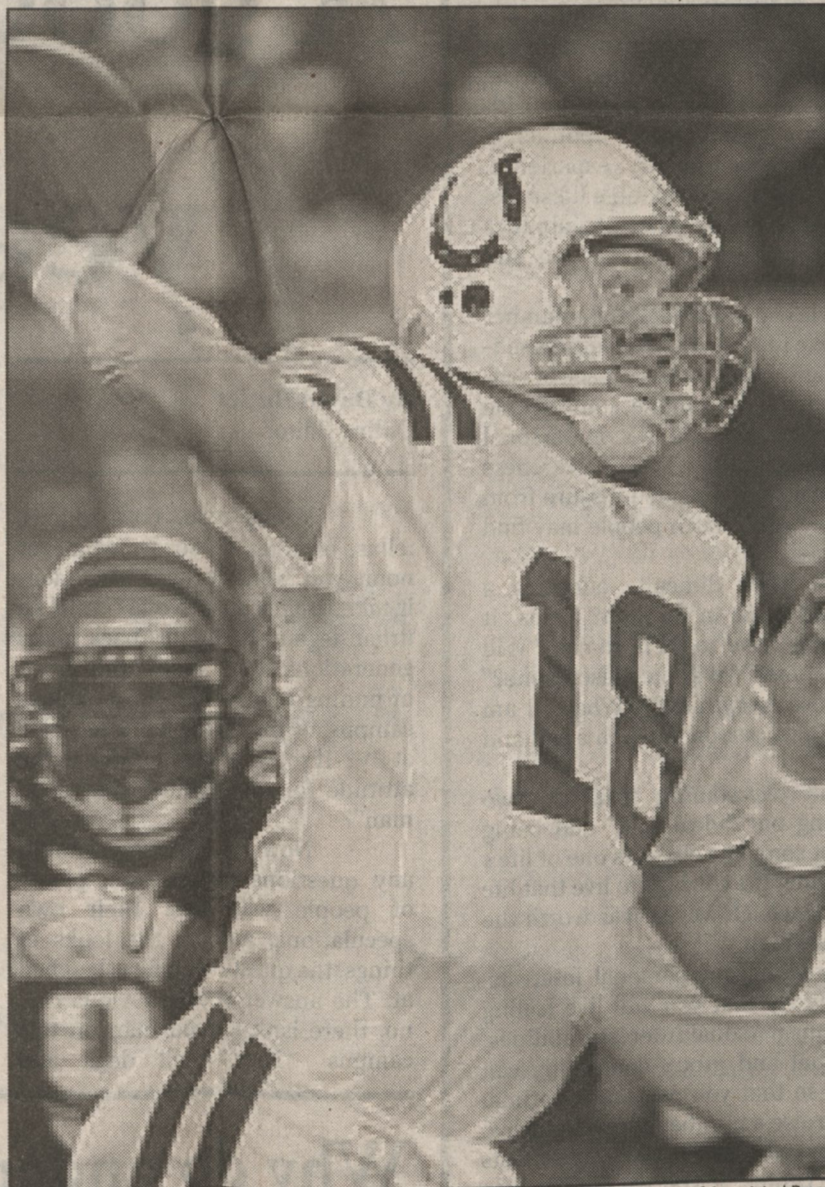


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Hard luck: Though the Colts have started the past three seasons 8-0, they have failed to make it to the Super Bowl.

TaCho Richard MVP

Panther News Service

TaCho Richard and Ashley Campbell were recognized for their performances in Prairie View A&M University's run to capture the 2006 Southwestern Athletic Conference volleyball championship.

Richard was named the tournament's most valuable player and to the all-tournament team and Campbell was selected to the all-tournament team.

Richard, a 5-9, senior from LaPorte, Texas, was credited with 49 points in tournament. She recorded 34 kills, 120 total attacks and 10 aces. Defensively, she had 38 digs, three solo blocks and six blocking assists.

A 5-10 sophomore from Tyler, Texas, Campbell registered 143 total attacks and 65 kills. She came up big for Prairie View in the title game against Mississippi Valley State with 22 kills and 24.5 points.

"I'm really happy for Richard and Campbell. They've done a great job for us all year long and they really stepped it up in the tournament," said PVAMU head coach Alicia Pete. "This is a great reward for all of the hard work they've put in all season long."

Prairie View prepares for new athletic facility

Panther News Service

A construction project for a new strength and conditioning facility for the Prairie View A&M University Department of Athletics has begun according to school athletic officials.

The new strength and conditioning facility will be located on the northwest side of Blackshear field. The one-story building will be of steel frame construction with metal and brick siding. It will be approximately 3,000 square feet and include a small office and restrooms. Air conditioning will be installed in the facility.

The Dallas Chapter of the Prairie View Alumni Association and the Panther Backers Athletic Booster Organization largely funded this project. "This project would not have been possible without the financial assistance of our Dallas Alumni and the Panther Backers," said PVAMU Athletics Director Charles McClelland. "They understood the need for this facility and the asset it will be to our athletic program. Our coaches and student-athletes have been anxiously awaiting a new strength and conditioning facility. They look forward to the advantages they'll enjoy from being able to utilize the facility."

The U.S. Army has donated over \$300,000 of conditioning and fitness equipment for the new facility. According to Dianne Walker, PVAMU Construction and Planning Manager, the project is in the initial phase and will take approximately 150 construction days.

Panthers basketball molds new face

By Sean Mitchell
Panther Staff

Last season was very forgettable for the Prairie View A&M University Panthers. The Panthers won only five games, only two in the SWAC, and failed to qualify for the SWAC tournament.

The program has added some notable recruits that should leave outside observers taking note. "We've added 10 new basketball players to our program, including 220 freshmen," said Head Coach Byron Rimm. Prairie View boasts a deep stable of slashed type guards and forwards. Chris Gaines, a 6'5 SF/SG from Houston, is the lone returning starter to the team. He averaged 8.5 ppg and 3.2 rpg while averaging 18.4 minutes a game,

signaling that more minutes could make him a greater factor in the Panthers attack. At 6'9, newly recruited Jonaris Blue is the team's tallest player.

Prairie View will face a variety of tough teams in non-conference this season that will give them some very sturdy competition. The team opens the season up the road at rising Big 12 power Texas A&M on November 10 and to University of Houston on the 29, which is another tough competitor with NCAA tournament aspirations. We don't prepare any different from team to team, we just go out and try to win every game we play."

Despite the influx of talent into the program, it is obvious the team needs time to gel together and form chemistry that will produce a winning formula. A great home atmosphere seems to be key to the

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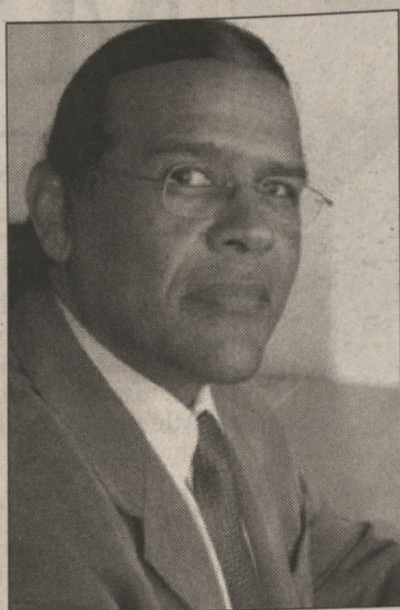
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Choosing your lifestyle

By Dr. Victor Pendleton
PVAMU Counseling Center
Mental Health Contributor

Our personal lifestyle consists of our habits, attitudes, tastes, economic level and moral standards. There are many different lifestyles: Christian lifestyle, fitness lifestyle, sophisticated lifestyle, thug lifestyle, etc. Some of us have lifestyles that are inconsistent with who we are. That may occur when our lifestyle is thrust upon us by our physical and social environment, personal history, experience, and culture. It may also occur when we select incompatible lifestyles. Choosing a lifestyle compatible with our personal interests, abilities and values is more likely to lead to feelings of satisfaction and contentment.

Choosing a compatible lifestyle can be difficult for a number of reasons. One reason is that an effective lifestyle choice requires self-awareness of our personal needs, strengths, and motives. Lack of self-awareness can leave us feeling dissatisfied. For example, some people select careers based more on income potential and less on personal interest. They may make the selection because of a lack of awareness of what they value most highly, or because of outside pressure from family members or friends. After a few years, such people may find themselves dissatisfied with life.

Another reason why people have difficulty adopting a suitable lifestyle is fear. This fear can come in different forms. It may be fear of the reaction others may have to their choice. "Will they make fun of me?" "Will they reject me?" "Will they disown me?" Or, it may be fear of failure. "Will I lose everything?" "What if I am wrong?" Fear can be paralyzing, leaving a person stuck in a sad and unfulfilling situation.

Gaining self-awareness and overcoming fear are two challenging aspects of life. Identifying our "ideal self," and being certain that it is our definition and not someone else's, is one of life's major challenges. Once identified, finding the courage to live that life can present additional difficult challenges. However, it is worth the effort because the potential rewards are high.

Living a life that is in tune with your personal interests, abilities, and values makes it more likely that you will live feeling satisfied and content. Determining your personal interests, abilities, and values can be difficult. Individual and group counseling can help you better understand yourself so that you can make optimal decisions about your future. There are also a number of psychological tests designed to help you understand yourself better. These tests are available through the counseling center. If you would like help exploring yourself and your future, please contact the professional staff at the University Counseling Center.



A good man at PV... yeah right!

By David Butler
Online Editor

Young men, boys, dudes, fellas, brothas, N words...whatever noun you want to use, what does it take to find a good one? Is it an urban legend that dates back many generations that hides the truth of finding a good man on a college campus, or on a personal level, here at PV? If so, what credit is due to the attitude for and against the "good man"?

Now of course, without any questions or answers, plenty of people will have their own speculations, and by the looks of things, the question alone is laughed at. The answer seems obvious that no, there isn't a good man on this campus. "They're all dogs and

they're only after one thing," says 19 year old sophomore, Lauren Severit. After her recent transfer to PV, she already feels the heat.

A young lady, who requested to be anonymous, disagrees though. Going into her third year, she realized that not all guys are bad. "I was dating a guy for a while, and even though we had our ups and downs, he was always and still is a perfect gentleman... we don't date anymore, but on his behalf, I can say that he is at least one of a few great guys out here," she says.

Most guys who have heard how the females think of them feel dissatisfied with the response that there isn't a good man on campus. Marcus Howard, a graduate student, says, "These females don't know how to be treated. I open doors for them

and most don't even say anything in response. If they don't know how a good man is to treat them, who are they to say there aren't any?"

Even though some fraternities on campus hold seminars that have discussions about women, do you think those are lost causes? Even though everyone wants their love, the females think the guys have a problem and vice versa. Some may say guys didn't learn the things they should have learned at home, so when they come to college, of course nothing would change. Others may say that even the guys with sense and have the "good qualities" still might come up short with the ladies. So what's the science on it? Is there a formula that can be downloaded? No, there isn't. We guys will just have to stick to what we know, and keep going forward. Unless, of course, there aren't any good women at PV.

Why do underage students drink alcohol?

By Sean Mitchell
Panther Staff

When students first arrive at college, they are enamored by the amount of freedom they have. Without parental supervision, students naturally feel free to do what it is that they would like to do, in some cases whether it is legal or not.

More so than anything, drinking alcohol is one of the most popular activities for new college students, a group where on average a freshman is only about 18 years old. This is significant because the legal drinking age is 21 years of age. So, why do students do this despite the fact that they legally should not? Two male students and two female students at Prairie View shared their thoughts on this trend.

"Drinking is a pastime—it's something to do," said one freshman female student. "I really do not feel guilty about it since there are a lot of illegal things in this world that people do that put them in

dangerous situations."

The above statement seems to be the sentiment of many. When asked about why they drink, although they legally should not, both males interviewed responded the same way. One of the students even brought up an example that there are many legal drugs in the store that could kill a person who takes too many.

"The point is not to abuse something, no matter what it is," said the student. While the interviewees may have rebutted the legal morality, the next question that comes to mind is what fascinates people to drink in the first place?

"When I drink, I'm doing something," said another male student. "It's one thing if you drink just to get drunk by yourself or something. It's another to do as I do when I drink, which is to loosen myself up and have a good time. I may go to the club or go hang somewhere with some females and the drinking helps

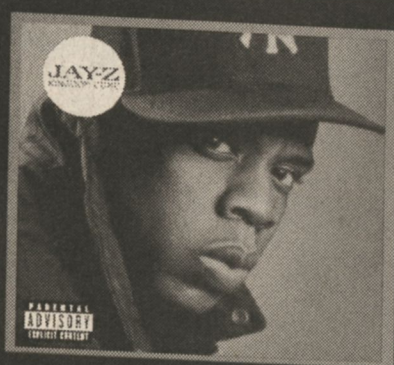
me have a good time while I am with them."

This is not the prevailing theme among the interviewees. However, one of the female students does not drink with many other people. "I do not drink socially and when I do drink, it's with one friend I know who will make sure I get back to my room," the student said. "Plus I do not drink heavily and only drink a medium-sized Styrofoam cup so that I won't get drunk."

Meanwhile, the first female quoted above differed greatly. She said, "I drink until I'm totally out there and I like to drink as often as I can. I am aware that it's unsafe and it doesn't matter how many people are there when I drink [since I will still do it]."

Overall, it seems some freshmen consider drinking an acceptable practice to participate in. While underage students differ in the way they use alcohol, there is no doubt that some of them think it is something that helps them enjoy themselves in various settings and circumstances.

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Raves and Reviews:

Kingdom Come

By David Butler
Online Editor

Was it a prophecy, good fortune, or just plain obvious that Jay-Z couldn't stay "retired"? According to a number of sources, He and Beyonce' are expecting, married, and took the Paris Hilton route with an unofficial tape, but in spite of all the internet rumors, Hovi's back with his 11th LP, *Kingdom Come*.

"What chu want me to do? I'm sorry... I'm back," Jay-Z boasts on the first single of the album, *Show Me What You Got*. The song is very "Hollywood" compared to his beefing-I'm from the ghetto-but I wear French cuffs-baddest chick in the game wearin' my chain lyricism. Just like in the video, his album overall embodies two things. Number one, he's not finished. The last rapper to speak of retiring, but of course didn't, was everyone's favorite ice cream man and rapping dad, Master P. It can be stated that this wasn't his best alternative, but for Jay-Z, it seems to work. For a man to make as many references of himself to Michael Jordan, he's filling those shoes very nicely. Secondly, Jay-Z is having a lot of fun with his money. Even at 37, he is the new 20-year-old. He explains this in *30 Something*, which is produced by Dr. Dre. "I got black cards, good credit and stuff, baby boy cause I'm all grown up," he raps. With the beginning of this year's basketball season, it wouldn't be surprising to see him "BAAAALLLINN" pretty soon.

Kingdom Come is still a producer's playground, by raising the bar again once more. Just Blaze, Swizz Beats, Kanye West and Dr. Dre lay their craft on the album, and surprisingly, for the first time, Timberland doesn't make an appearance on Hov's album. We all know Timbo has been busy making Justin Timberlake and Nelly Furtado's individual albums, so we forgive him. Scyience is a rare producer trying to make his mark; he made an up-beat record with Jay featuring Beyonce' called *Hollywood*. For this album, Jay made some changes, but it's still Jay. Go get the album next Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Mystical arts of Tibet leaves students intrigued

Rattchel Lucas
Panther Staff

To promote the essence of world healing, the Tibetan Monks of Karnataka State, South India performed their ancient music and sacred praises on Wednesday, Nov. 8 in the Memorial Student Center at Prairie View A&M University.

Because of the Chinese communist invasion of Tibet in 1969 the monks travel around the world to perform the sacred arts in an attempt "to preserve Tibetan culture and raise funds for the monks who still study in India" at the Drepung Loseling Monastery, said Thupen Tendher, one of the performing monks and host of the group.

The performance showcased "various ceremonies used to harmonize the five elements and bring harmony" with traditional meditating music and dances that sponsor health, healing, and kindness, said Tendher.

"I loved the show, especially the [Senggey Garcham] Snow Lion," said freshman Yetunde Orok.

Sophomore biology major Desiree Hendriz said, "I enjoyed it a lot. I like to be able to experience new cultures and new religions. That was an awesome way to experience them both."

Sophomore Heather Crothers "It was intriguing, it gave me a new perspective on life, but it also made me appreciate my own religion."

Although the turnout of students was last minute, the members of the audience were engaged and attentive and gave a standing ovation when the show came to a close.

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Nov. 7 Election Results

State

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| Governor | |
| (D) Chris Bell | 1,309,774 votes |
| (R) Rick Perry | 1,714,618 votes |
| (I) Kinky Friedman | 553,327 votes |
| (I) Carole Strayhorn | 789,432 votes |
| (L) James Werner | 26,726 votes |

U.S. Senator

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| (D) Barbara Ann Radnofsky | 1,554,324 votes |
| (R) Kay Bailey Hutchison | 2,658,657 votes |
| (L) Scott Jameson | 97,582 votes |

Lieutenant Governor

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| (R) David Dewhurst | 2,508,565 votes |
| (D) Maria Luisa Alvarado | 1,613,238 votes |
| (L) Judy Baker | 188,668 votes |

Attorney General

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| (R) Greg Abbott | 2,549,818 votes |
| (D) David Van Os | 1,594,930 votes |
| (L) Jon Roland | 139,273 votes |

Waller County

Criminal District Attorney

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| (R) Elton R. Mathis | 4,753 votes |
| (D) Morris L. Overstreet | 3,048 votes |

Judge, County Court at Law

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| (R) June Jackson | 5,190 votes |
| (D) Sylvia Cedillo | 2,645 votes |

District 28, State Representative

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| (R) John Zerwas | 4,427 votes |
| (D) Dorothy Bottos | 3,307 votes |

Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace

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| (D) DeWayne Charleston | 980 votes |
| (R) Joanne Gregory | 796 votes |

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace

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| (D) Charles Karisch | 989 votes |
| (R) Butch Crawford | 889 votes |



Panther Poetry Lounge

Tell Me Why

by Paul Anderson

Why the ingredients of love
Keep missing from our lives.
If only we could quantify
The correct amount so that
We would be lovers forever.

Why is it so hard to
Keep the pieces of love together.
I try so hard to be the best
For her only to be despised and rejected.

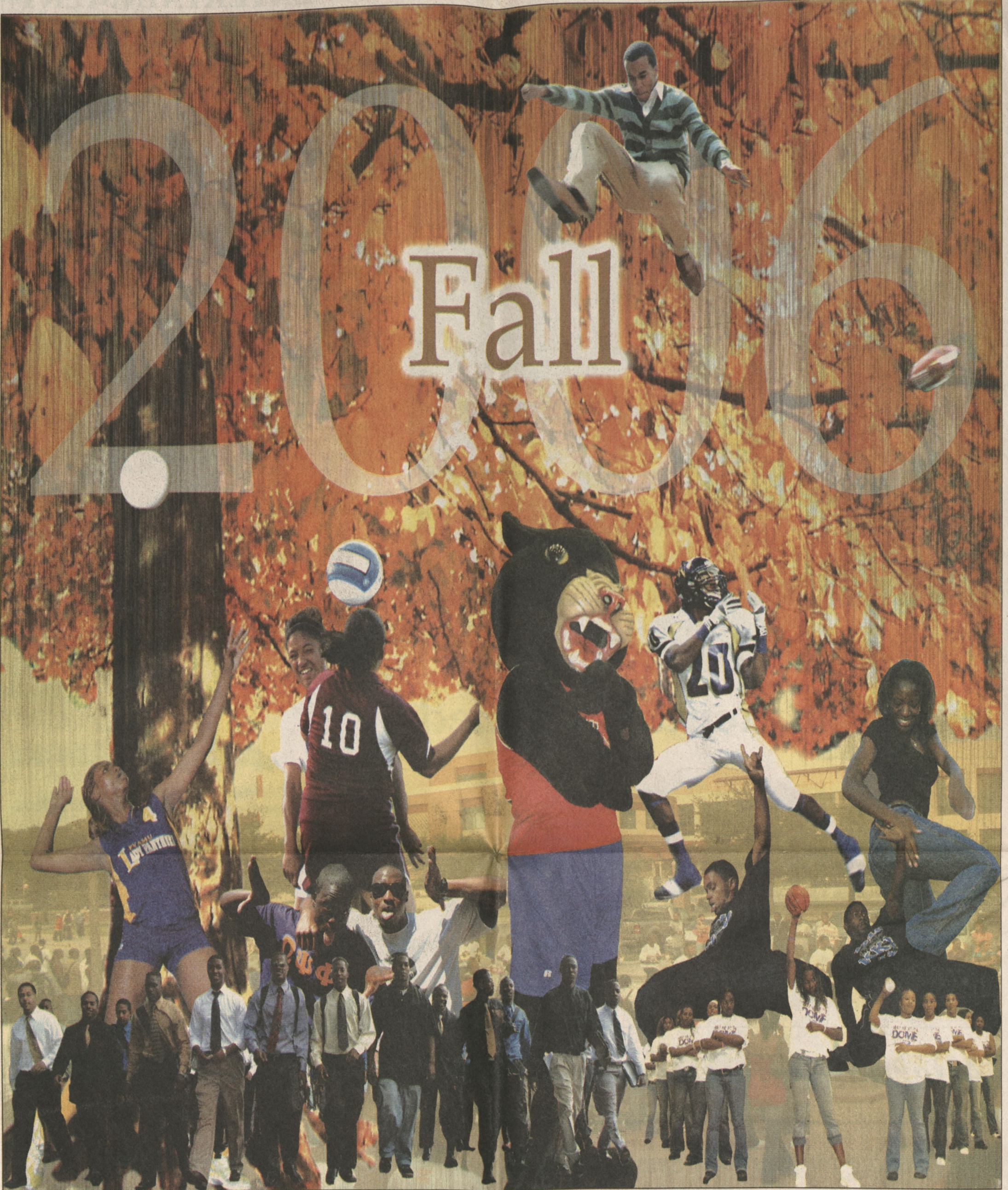
Why the taste of our love
Keeps changing from sweet to sour
And from sour to sweet.
I try each day to discover her world,
But only to be greeted with impediments.

Why can't we get it right?
I'm tired of submitting myself to abuse.
I'm going to give it one more try,
And if we cannot get it right,
We go our separate ways
And ask love for another chance at another time.



- Who expected Club Pees & Vees to be that crunk last Saturday?
- For those who didn't go, didn't they really miss out on an on campus event that was good and started on time?
- Why are people so quick to run to a party at the Newman Center when they know it's going to get shut down?
- Who's happy that this weekend we will finally have an after party that won't get shut down?
- Why is it that every time you need to print something important in the 2nd floor computer lab in the library, somebody ahead of you is printing a textbook?
- Should the PAN Council take notes from SIFE on how to have a good talent show?
- Who started that rumor that three guys were killed apparently because they were gay?
- Who will stay up 'til 5 a.m. this weekend just to see who crossed?
- Think you'll be disappointed?
- Which professor still believes in detention?
- Doesn't he know that won't work to his benefit anymore?
- Who is ready for Thanksgiving?
- Which group of girls doesn't need Thanksgiving, and gives meaning to "large and in charge?"
- Isn't one of the girls a bouncer at Coco Loco?
- When is the next time we will see Judge Charleston?
- Is that a good or bad thing?
- This is sort of late, but after he finished talking at the early voting rally, who thought he was going to say "BYAAAUUGH!"
- Since this year the cable seems to stay on in the phases, why can't there be anything entertaining on TV?
- Isn't there more to life than Grey's Anatomy?
- What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail us at panther@pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.



This Week On The Hill

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006

12 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Classic Dance Ensemble
Dance Concert @ MSC
Auditorium Rm. 111

5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Epsilon Gamma Iota
CSO Yard Show @ Alumni
Field

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Alpha Lambda Omega
Seminar @ New Science
Bldg. Rm. 103

5 p.m. - 11:55 p.m.
Alpha Kappa Alpha
Formal Ball @ MSC
Ballroom

5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Urban Readers Association
Book Reading/Discussions
@ Student Lounge

Friday, Nov. 17, 2006

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Health & Counseling
Flu Shots @ MSC Student
Lounge

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Zeta Phi Beta
Introduction/Orientation/
Education Program @ WR
Banks Rm. 202/208

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Army ROTC
Dinner @ MSC Ballroom
Section A&B

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Psychology Club
Pre-Kwanza Event @
Chapel

7 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Epsilon Gamma Iota
Tent Party @ Student Park

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
College of Education
Multi-Cultural Festival @
Alumni Field

9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
SIFE
Visions of Stardom Work-
shop & Talent Showcase/
Contest @ MSC Audito-
rium

2:45 p.m. - 7 p.m.
International Student
Organization
International Games @
Student Park

7 p.m. - 11:55 p.m.
SIFE
After-Party/Dance Show-
case @ MSC Ballroom
Rm. 204

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006

10:00 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Morning Worship Service
@ Chapel

2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Delta Sigma Theta
Economic Development @
University Village
Clubhouse III

3:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
University Concert
Chorale
Fall Concert @ Recital
Hall

5 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Delta Sigma Theta
Pageant Practice @
MSC Auditorium Rm. 111

Monday, Nov. 20, 2006

6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Student Activities
New Members Yard Show
@ Baby Dome

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Academic & Student
Affairs
Workshop Outcomes
Based Assessment @
MSC Ballroom Section A

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Music & Drama
Auditions @ Recital Hall

7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
PEACE Project
What is P.E.A.C.E.?
@ MSC Student Lounge

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2006

5 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Delta Sigma Theta
Men's Appreciation Award
Ceremony @
MSC Ballroom Rm. 204

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Alpha Kappa Alpha
Educational Seminar @
New Science Bldg. Rm.
A101

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Urban Readers
Book/Clothing Drive for
Battered Women & Chil-
dren @ Alumni Field

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
CAB
Hump Day On The Hill
@ Alumni Field

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
FOCCS
Bible Study @ Chapel

Weather

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|  Mostly sunny and cool High: 68 °F Low: 41 °F |  Mostly sunny & delightful High: 73 °F Low: 49 °F |  Mostly sunny and nice High: 71 °F Low: 49 °F |  Partly sunny High: 65 °F Low: 46 °F |  Several hours of sun High: 64 °F Low: 46 °F |  Mostly cloudy and warm High: 69 °F Low: 49 °F |  Partly sunny High: 71 °F Low: 50 °F |
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